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AMENDMENT A

Dear Examiner:

This amendment is in response to the office action mailed April 7, 2004 (Paper No. 7), which established a shortened statutory period for response that expired on July 7, 2004, and further in response to the telephone interview between the Examiner and Applicants' attorneys, which occurred on August 10, 2004. A fee for a two-month extension of time is included herewith.